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UNLESS YOU HAVE A MORE SPECIFIC INDICATION THAN THE EXISTENCE OF THE COURT ORDER THAT YOUR MENTIONING THE CASE TO HARCOS/FLETCHER WILL CAUSE THEM SERIOUS TROUBLE, PLEASE ORALLY PARAPHRASE MRS. FLETCHER'S LETTER TO TONY ON YOUR NEXT VISIT. WE DO NOT FEEL THAT AN UNELABORATED REPETITION OF A MESSAGE REFERRING TO THE CASE CONSTITUTES DISCUSSING THE CASE WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ORDER: PASSING MESSAGES WITHOUT COMMENT IS A WELL-RECOGNIZED CONSULAR FUNCTION THAT DOES NOT IMPLICATE THE CONSULAR OFFICER IN DISCUSSION WITH THE RECIPIENTS; IN SUCH A CASE THE OFFICER IS A MEDIUM NOT AN INTERLOCUTOR. IN ANY EVENT, GOI ACTION TO RESTRAIN THE CONSUL FROM SIMPLY COMMUNICATING WITH AMERICAN CITIZENS ABOUT THEIR CASE IS UNACCEPTABLE, AND IF THE INDIANS ATTEMPT TO ENFORCE THE COURT ORDER WE WILL PROTEST IT. KISSINGER

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